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## Transient Charged with Attempted Murder of Redondo Beach Police Officer

A 38-year-old homeless man has been charged with attempting to kill a Redondo Beach Police Department officer with a homemade shotgun, known as a zip-gun, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Norman Wallsh (dob 6/11/76) pleaded not guilty yesterday to one count each of attempted murder of a peace officer, shooting at an unoccupied vehicle and possession of a zip gun in case YA091238.

Wallsh is scheduled to return for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 8 in Department 3 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

Police officers investigating reports that the defendant had shot his zip gun at a car window in Redondo Beach, attempted to speak to him on Sept. 22, prosecutors said. When they approached Wallsh, he aimed the rudimentary shotgun at an officer and unsuccessfully attempted to fire, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

Bail was set at more than \$1 million.

The assigned prosecutor is Deputy District Attorney Christopher Hartman.

The case remains under investigation by the Redondo Beach Police Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.